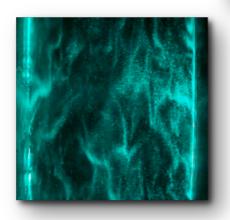
CLUSTERING IN MACROSCALE TWO-PHASE FLOWS



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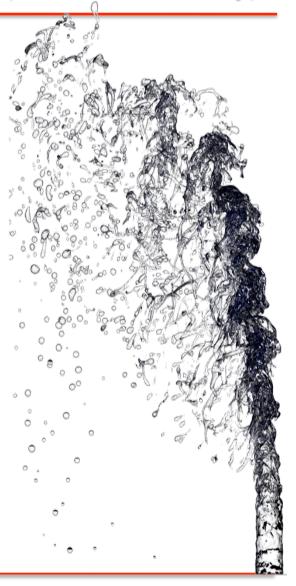
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Overview of multiphase flow work in Pitsch Group (Stanford University)

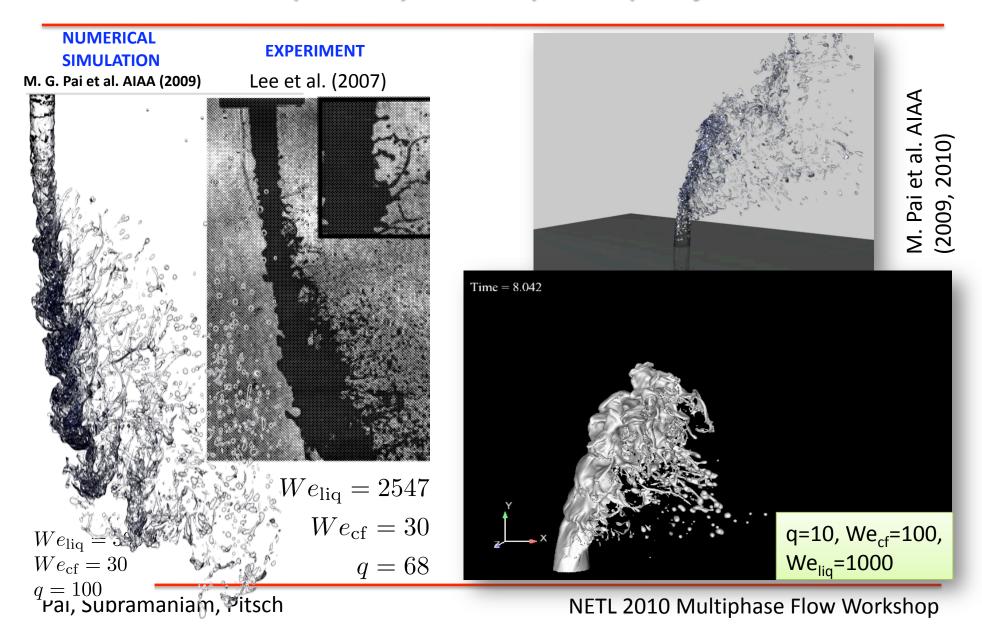
Primary focus area: Gas-liquid flows

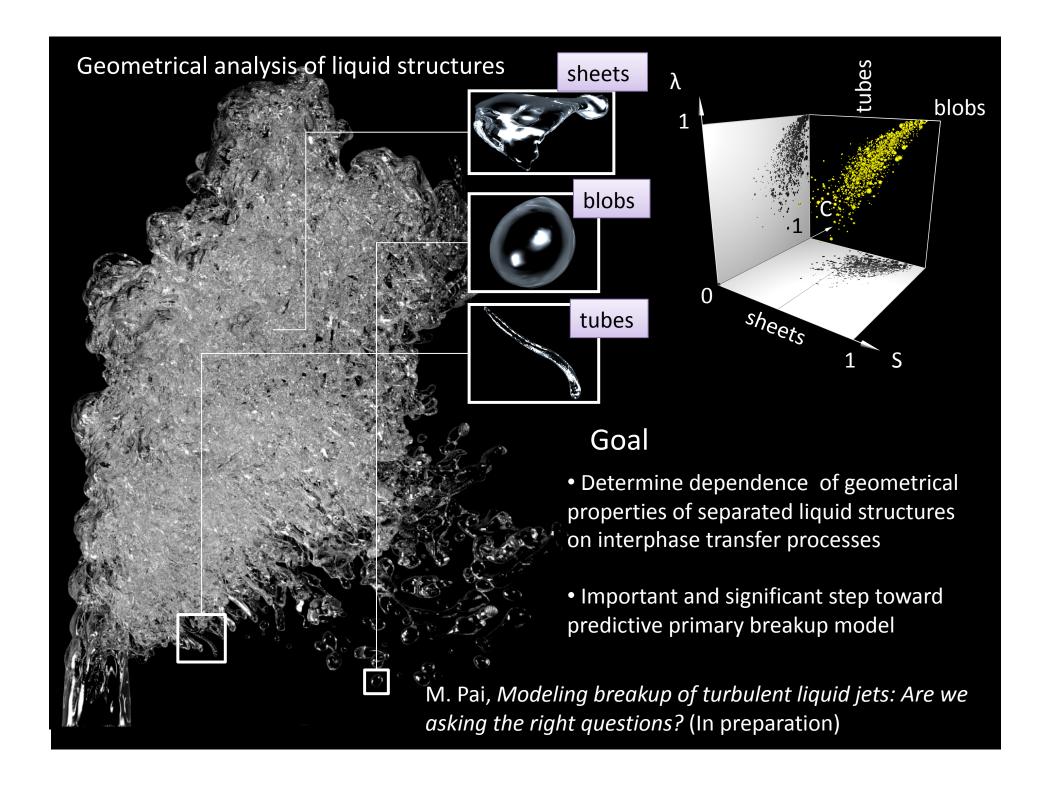
- Detailed simulations (DS) of primary breakup of liquid jets
 - Unsolved problem; predictive models for primary breakup unavailable
- Development of DS methodologies for large density ratio, evaporating sprays – Dr. Mehdi Raessi, Vincent LeChenadec
- Spray combustion Dr. Kun Luo
 - Studies in a simplified gas turbine combustor configuration
 - Evaluate models

External collaboration: Prof. Olivier Desjardins, U Colorado, Boulder



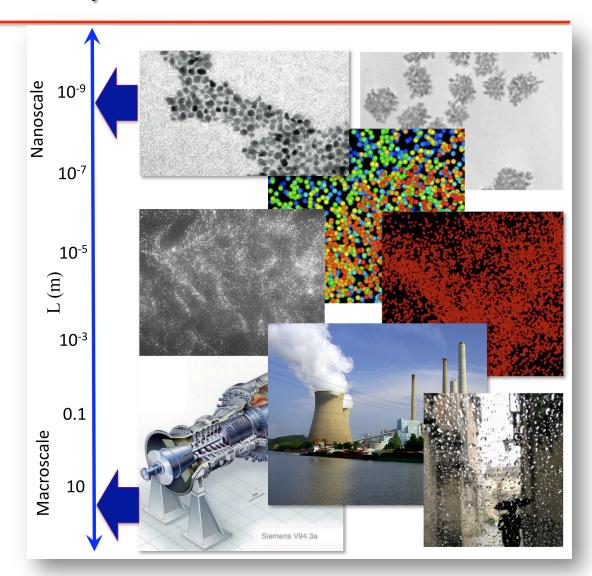
Simulations of primary breakup of liquid jets in crossflow





Clustering across multiple scales

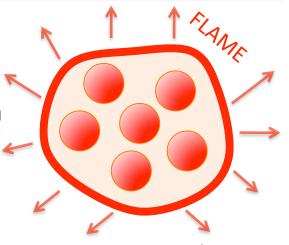
- Clustering observed in a variety of systems spanning the entire size spectrum
- Nanoparticle synthesis, nanomedicine, rain formation, gas turbine combustion, coal gasification, fluidized beds,
- Clustering identified as a principal hurdle in our understanding of gas-solid flows (NETL report, 2006)



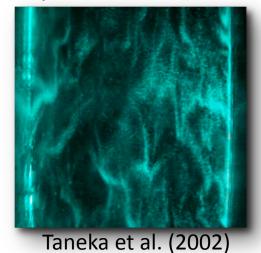
Motivation to study clustering

- Spray combustion
 - Even at low volume fractions, certain spatial configurations may lead to group combustion modes (Chiu and Liu, 1977)
 - Numerical models based on solitary droplets (no interactions with neighboring droplets) do not capture physics associated with such combustion modes
- Coal combustion: group combustion modes observed (Annamalai & Ryan, PECS, 1993)

Need mathematical framework to capture the effect of spatial configuration of droplets or particles on physical processes



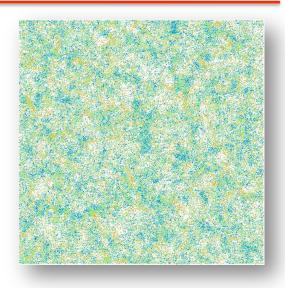
Group combustion (schematic)

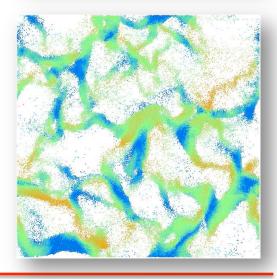


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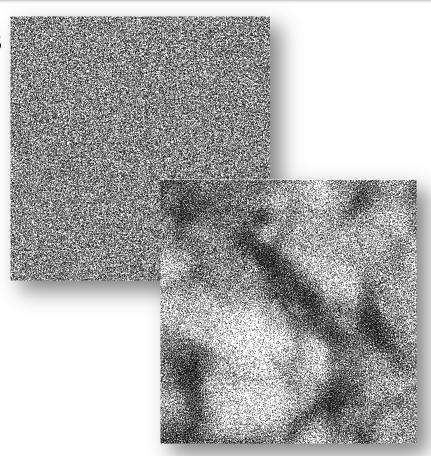




How does one characterize clustering?

Single-point averaged descriptions

- ➤ Can number density or volume fraction characterize clustering?
- ➤ Can generate two point fields with same homogeneous number density but different spatial configurations (Stoyan and Stoyan, 1994; Stoyan, Kendall and Mecke, 1995), also see example later

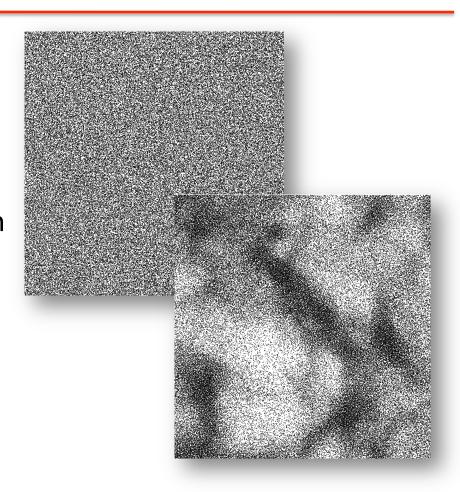


✓ Single-point statistics **insufficient**

How does one characterize clustering?

Two-point descriptions

- ➤ Popular two-point statistic: radial distribution function g(r)
- ➤ Does radial distribution function characterize clustering?
- ➤ YES! Even in systems with same homogeneous number density, g(r) can distinguish spatial configuration of dispersed elements (see later)



✓ Need to understand quantities that determine evolution of g(r)

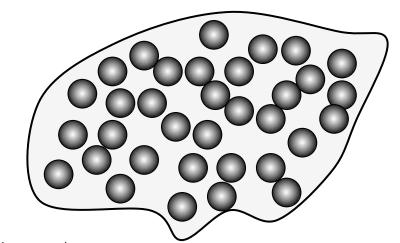
Single-point distribution function

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$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)$$

gives probable number of particles in

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{v})$$



 \succ Can associate a number density $n(\mathbf{x},t)$

$$n(\mathbf{x},t) = \int f(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v},t) \ d\mathbf{v}$$

Mean number associated with a certain volume

$$\langle N \rangle (V_M) = \int_{V_M} n(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}$$

Two-point distribution function

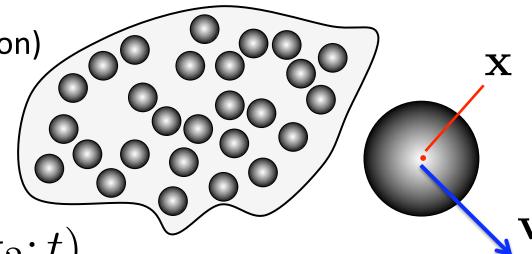
Two-point distribution function

$$f^{(2)}({f x}_1,{f v}_1,{f x}_2,{f v}_2,t)$$

➤ Determines collisions (cf. collisional integral in Boltzmann-Enskog equation)

(Slight change in notation)

Marked second-order density



 $ho_m^{(2)}({f x}_1,{f v}_1,{f x}_2,{f v}_2;t)$

Particles can have "marks" such as Velocity, Temperature, etc.

Two-point distribution function

$$-\rho_m^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{v}_2) = \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)g_2^c(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2|\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$$

Second-order density

$$-
ho^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2)=n(\mathbf{x}_1)n(\mathbf{x}_2)g(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2)$$
 $=n^2g(\mathbf{r})$ assuming spatial homogeneity

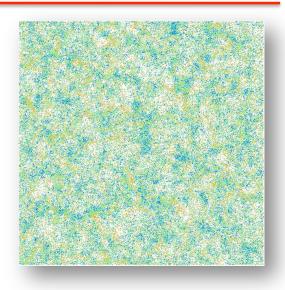
$$ho_m^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2) = n^2 g(\mathbf{r}) g_2^c(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w}|\mathbf{r})$$

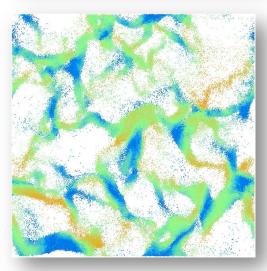
Upon further simplification
$$ightharpoonup^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2)=n^2g(r)$$
 assuming isotropy

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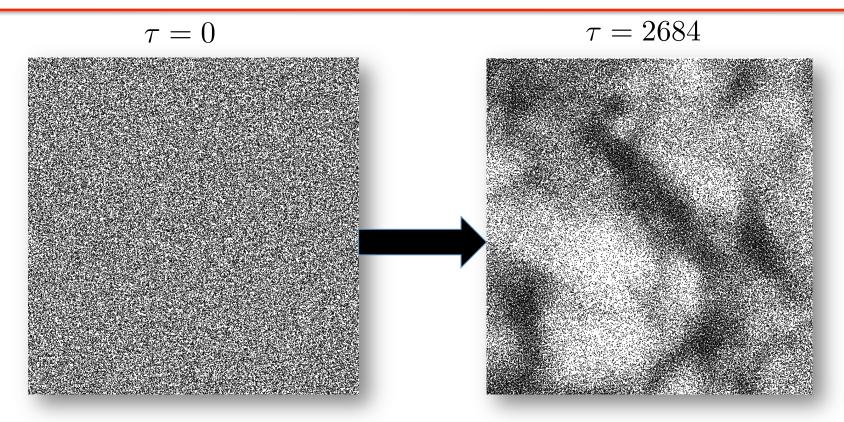
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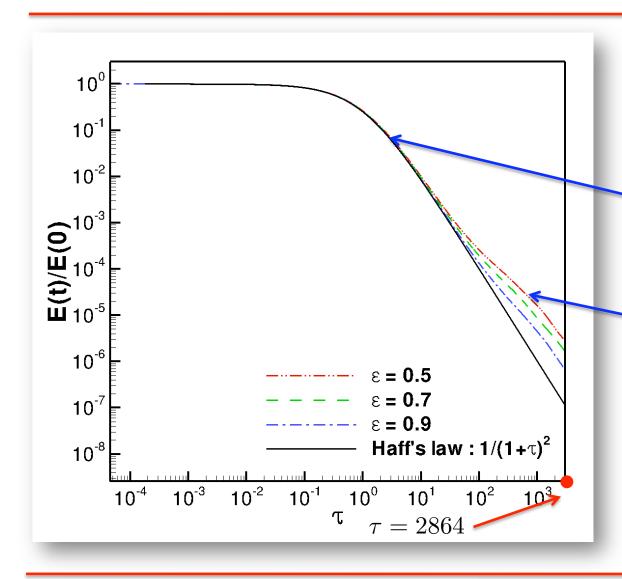
Example: Homogeneously cooling granular gas



- Volume fraction: ~0.08
- L/d : ~ 100
- N = 150000

- Hard sphere collisions
- Event-driven algorithm
- Restitution coefficient: 0.5, 0.7, 0.9

HCGG: Evolution of translational kinetic energy

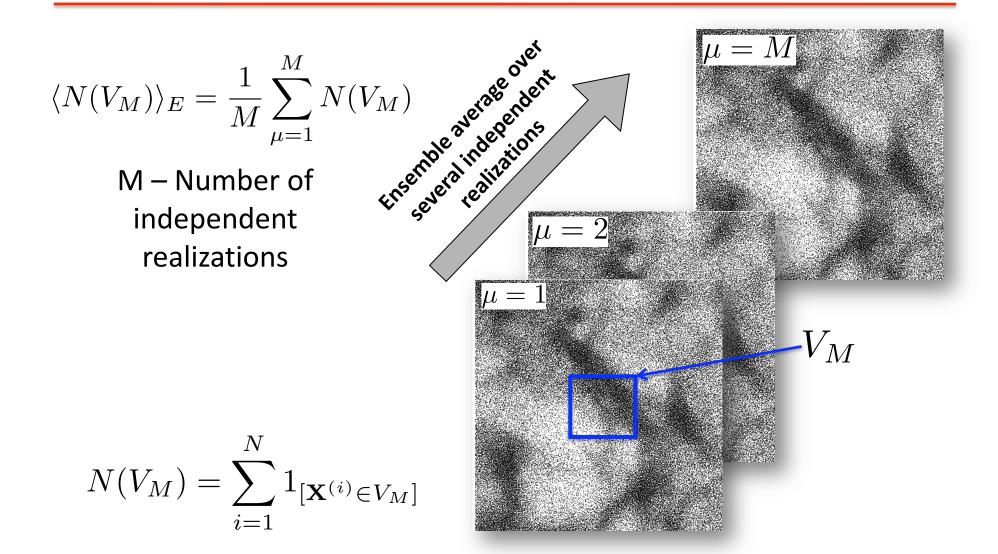


Granular gas exhibits

Homogeneous cooling regime

Clustering regime

HCGG: Mean number vs measurement volume



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Mean number

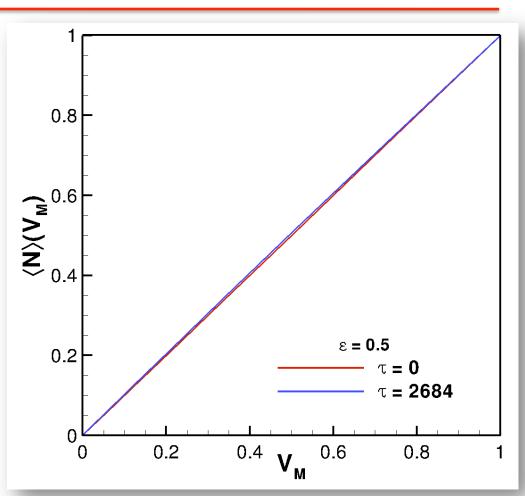
$$\langle N \rangle (V_M) = \int_{V_M} n(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}$$

If number density is homogeneous

$$\langle N \rangle (V_M) = n \int_{V_M} d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\langle N \rangle (V_M) = nV_M$$

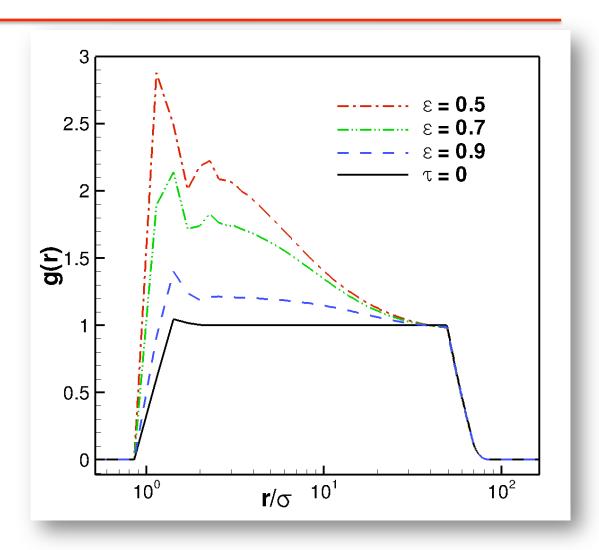
Mean number is linear in $\,V_{M}\,$



Number density is homogeneous!

HCGG: Radial distribution function

- ➤ Increasing restitution increases g(r) at contact
- ➤ HCGG: an excellent example for homogeneous point field with clustering
- ➤ Spatial point processes provide more measures than just g(r)*



*Stoyan and Stoyan, 1994; Stoyan, Kendall and Mecke, 1995

HCGG: Fluctuations in number

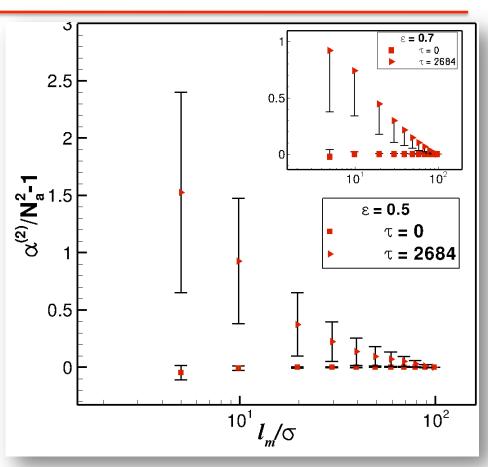
Second Factorial Moment

$$\alpha^{(2)}(\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}) = \langle N(N-1) \rangle$$
$$= \int_{\mathcal{B}} \int_{\mathcal{B}} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) d\mathbf{x}_1 d\mathbf{x}_2$$

$$= \langle N^2(\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}) \rangle - nV(\mathcal{B})$$

Scaled Second Factorial Moment

$$SSFM = \frac{\alpha^{(2)}(\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B})}{\langle N(\mathcal{B}) \rangle^2}$$



SSFM-1 characterizes clustering

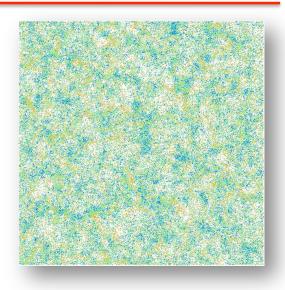
Poisson point field: SSFM = 1

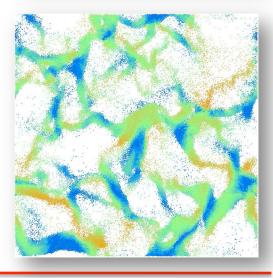
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Evolution of $\rho_m^{(2)}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{w},t)$

Statistical homogeneity in position and velocity space

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \qquad \qquad \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$$

Evolution of marked second-order density

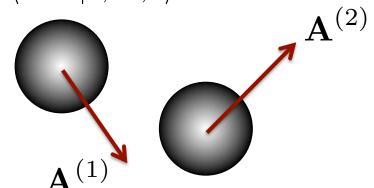
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_m^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}, t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \left(\mathbf{w} \rho_m^{(2)} \right) + \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \left(\langle \triangle \mathbf{A} | \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}, t \rangle \rho_m^{(2)} \right) = 0$$

Expected relative acceleration

$$\langle \triangle \mathbf{A} | \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}, t \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}^{(1)} | \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}, t \rangle - \langle \mathbf{A}^{(2)} | \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{w}, t \rangle$$

Integrating over w space

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \left(\langle \mathbf{w} | \mathbf{r}, t \rangle \rho^{(2)} \right) = 0$$



Krall and Trivelpiece, Principles of Plasma Physics; Pai and Subramaniam, APS, 2007; Markutsya and Subramaniam, 2010

Evolution of $\alpha^{(2)}$

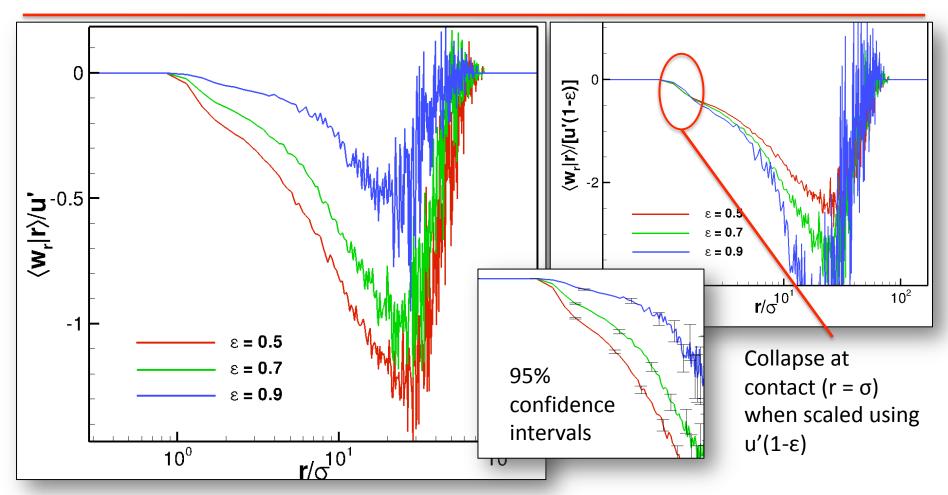
Transforming $({f x}_1,{f x}_2)$ to $({f R},{f r})$ where ${f R}={f x}_1+{f x}_2$, ${f r}={f x}_1-{f x}_2$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\alpha^{(2)} = -V(\mathcal{B}_R) \int_{\partial B_r} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, t) \langle \mathbf{w} | \mathbf{r}, t \rangle \cdot \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{n}_r \qquad \text{Conditional relative velocity}$$

✓ A negative component of conditional relative velocity along line
joining centers indicates a tendency to cluster

HCGG: Conditional relative velocity $\langle w_r | r \rangle$

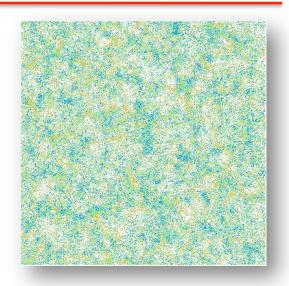


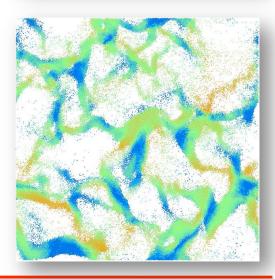
✓ Negative component of conditional relative velocity (along line joining centers) → tendency to cluster

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Characterization of clustering

- ✓ Under homogeneous conditions, number density cannot characterize clustering
- ✓ Under inhomogeneous conditions, number density is insufficient to characterize clustering
 - > Spatial structure in an inhomogeneous point field can arise due to:

 ∇n : gradients in the number density

 $\rho^{(2)}, \langle N^2 \rangle, g(r)$: second-order effects

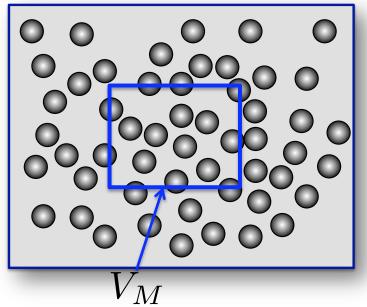
→ Need to distinguish the two contributions to accurately capture effect of spatial structure on interphase transfer processes

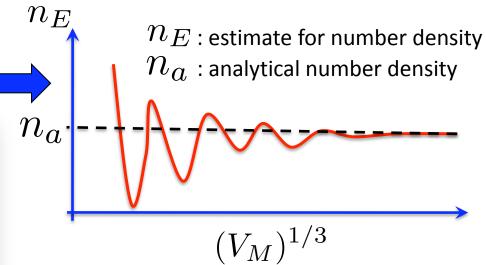
Estimate for number density

✓ Estimating number density/ volume fraction from a single snapshot may lead to erroneous results

 \rightarrow A homogeneous number density field can be misconstrued to be inhomogeneous η_{eF}

If single snapshot is used to estimate number density...





- ➤ Reminiscent of dependence of measured thermodynamic density on microscopic length scales (ref: Batchelor); Implications in LES of gas-solid flows?
- ➤ No separation of scales → Principal issue in description of multiphase flows

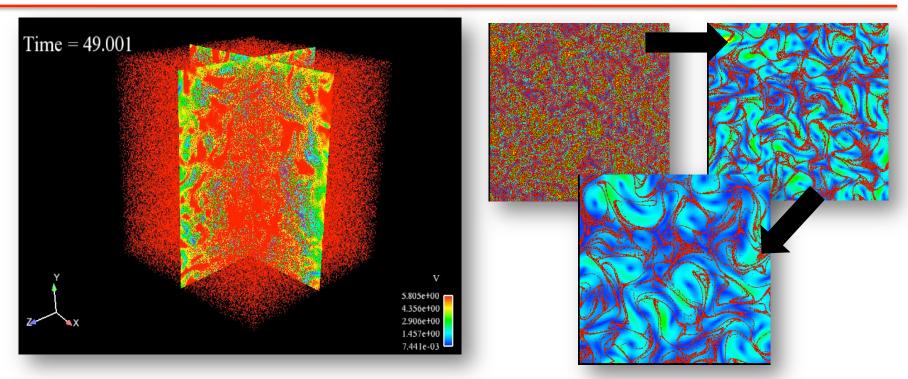
Conditional relative velocity $\langle w_r | r \rangle$

✓ Negative conditional relative velocity indicates tendency to cluster: key quantity to capture clustering (at level of second-order statistics)

 \checkmark BE model for collisional integral employs a decomposition of the form $f^{(2)}(\mathbf{v}_1,\mathbf{v}_2,\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2) \propto g(r)f(\mathbf{v}_1)f(\mathbf{v}_2)$

✓ Assumption of molecular chaos? Granular gas develops long range correlations in velocity as it cools; Poschel et al. (2002): modified model for $f^{(2)}$; Implications of model form on $\langle w_r | r \rangle$?

Dilute particle-laden turbulent flows



- Homogeneous particle-laden turbulent flow; decaying turbulence
- ✓ Exhibits preferential concentration; dilute flow → collisions negligible; "clustering" due to particle motion in underlying gas phase. What is the signature of $\langle w_r | r \rangle$ in this system?

